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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

B¹ 5. (Amended) The process as claimed in claim 3, wherein the solvent used is selected from an alcohol, ketone, ether, DMF, DMSO, xylene, toluene or a mixture thereof.

6. (Amended) The process as claimed in claim 3, wherein the temperature of the reaction ranges from -10°C to the boiling point of the solvent employed for a period in the range of 10 minutes to 30 hours.

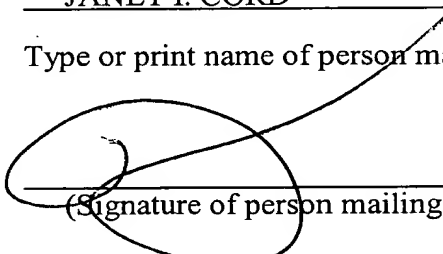
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